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SUBJECT: ARREST OF LEFTIST UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

1. SUMMARY: AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE VENING OF OCTOBER 6, INTERIOR MINISTER JUAN PEREDA ASHUN ANNOUNCED THE DETENTION OF EIGHT EX-STUDENT LEADERS OF THE UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR DE SAN ANDRES (UMSA), ACCUSING THEM OF BEING THE PRINCIPALS IMPLICATED IN THE PREPARATION OF A PLAN FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL AGITATION IN THE COUNTRY. THE MINISTER ACCUSED THOSE ARRESTED OF BEING DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE TROTSKYITE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL BASED IN PARIS. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER PEREDA STATED THAT THE ARRESTS WERE MADE ONLY AFTER A PROLONGED ANALYSIS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EX-UNIVERSITY LEADERS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY. HE ACCUSED THE EIGHT OF ATTTEMPTING TO CONVERT THE UNIVERSITY INTO THE FOCAL POINT OF EXTREMIST ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTRY WHILE RECEIVING ECONOMIC AS WELL AS LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM THE "J. POSADAS" COLUMN, A PARA MILITARY UNIT OF THE PARTIDO OBRERO REVOLUCIONARIO (POR). THE MINISTER ANNOUNCED THE CONFISCATION, IN THE HOMES OF THOSE DETAINED, OF

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POLITICAL THESES CONTAINING DIRECTIVES FOR CREATING A

CHAOTIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY THAT WOULD OBLIGE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE EXTREME MEASURES THUS PROVIDING THE SUBVERSIVES NEW RALLYING POINTS.

3. THEIR ACTION, PEREDA SAID, WAS FIRST SUPPOSED TO DISRUPT THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND THEN PROVOKE THE CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH STRIKES AND NON-RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITIES. THE DIRECTIVES ALSO CALLED FOR ACTION TO PREVENT THE NORMAL CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR, LABOR STRIKES TO DEBILITATE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, THE OCCUPATION OF THE UNIVERSITY BY TROTSKYITE GROUPS AND THE REACTIVATION OF THE CENTRAL OBRERA BOLIVIANA.

4. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED WERE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

JAVIER EDUARDO FERREYRA SANCHEZ
OSCAR ORTIZ VELEZ
JORGE WILLY JURADO RODRIGUEZ
OSWALDO GALLINETE SANTANDER
TOMAS MARTIN RIOS THELLEACHE
EDGAR ANTONIO ARAMAYO TEJEDA
EDUARDO PAZ RADA
HUGO TELLERIA TARIFA

5. MINISTER PEREDA STATED THAT THE CASES OF ALL THOSE ARRESTED ARE UNDER EVALUATION AND WHEN THE FINAL REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED THE GOVERNMENT WILL DETERMINE THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS. A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOB PROBABLY WILL SEND THE EIGHT INTO EXILE.

6. UNIVERSITY LEADERS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOLLOWING THE ARREST HUGO TELLERIA. THEY CONTEND THAT THE ARRESTS SIGNIFY THE GOVERNMENT'S OPTING FOR A HARD LINE AN UNIVERSITY REFORM AS WELL AS A GOVERNMENT PROVOCATION THREATENING THE TRANQUILITY OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. THEY FURTHER CONTEND THAT THESE ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVOKE A REACTION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT TO PROLONG THE PRESENT CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY UNTIL THE NEW YEAR. GOVERNMENT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS INSIST THAT THE UNIVERSITY WILL OPEN AS SCHEDULED ON NOVEMBER 3 AND REGISTRATION IS SLATED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 13.

7. EMBASSY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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